

NEWS FROM Queenswood



We'd like to wish all our readers a very happy half-term holiday.

There are several exciting international trips taking place over the next two weeks – we'll have full reports in the next issue.

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Black History Month: Art Competition



In celebration of Black History Month the Art department would like to introduce to you a contemporary black female artist – Bisa Butler. We would like you to [create a piece of artwork](#) in response which celebrates your own culture. Winning entries will appear in the newsletter – and you could even be awarded Artist of the Month.

Half-Term fun: Halloween party ideas



The half-term break has arrived, and if you're gearing up to host a fang-tastic [Halloween party](#), we've got some suggestions to make sure your guests have a hauntingly good time. Wishing you a spooktacular mid term holiday!

This week I am reading...

Stolen History by Sathnam Sanghera



You've probably heard the word 'empire' before. Perhaps because of the Roman empire. Or maybe even the Star Wars films. But what about the British Empire? Why don't we learn much about this? And what even is an empire, anyway? Sanghera's accessible and insightful writing delves into the complexities of history and how it shapes our world today. A compelling examination of the past's impact on the present, this book offers fresh perspectives and encourages young people to form their own judgements about the British Empire.

In brief

[Imperial College London: STEM in action resources for students](#)

[PRISM Club: a report from Freia T, Year 13](#)

[Silverstone Museum: girls go free in October](#)

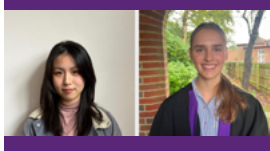
[U13A Netball: through to round 3 of Independent Schools Netball Competition](#)

School Council Report Form

Pupils can use [this form](#) (anonymously if they prefer) to share any issues or praise with members of the School Council.

Welcome to the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of Queenswood School. [Click on the pink hyperlinks to read more.](#)

Prefects: Introducing Sylvia, Green Q Prefect and Ella, School Council Prefect



In our final introduction to the Senior Prefect Team, this week Sienna M (Year 13) interviews Sylvia L, Green Q Prefect and Ella R, School Council Prefect. The prefects tell Sienna about their exciting roles, how they are engaging with other students and their plans for the future.

Oddballs: Get Your Charity Queenswood Bobble Hats!



In our latest charity initiative, we are selling Queenswood branded Oddballs bobble hats, modelled here by Grace Y, Charities Prefect. Funds raised from the sale of the hats will go towards our chosen charities including Prostate Cancer UK. Buying a hat is easy, just complete the Google Form and the £10 cost will be added to your school bill.

A Visit from the Chair of the Methodist Conference



Queenswood was blessed to receive a visit from Reverend Dr Gill Newton, Chair of the Methodist Conference, who was touring Methodist churches in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Essex. During her visit Reverend Dr Gill Newton met with staff and had a special lunch with the Year 8 and Year 9 Chapel Stewards.

Year 7 Building Bridges: Spaghetti and Marshmallow Engineering Challenge



The Year 7 Science Club had great fun this week investigating engineering using spaghetti and marshmallows. Teacher of Science, Ms Sheikh, explains the students' explorations and we also include a guide from the Science Museum for any other pupils who might like to try this activity at home during the half-term break.

This Week in Chapel: The Importance of Being Restful



In our services, Annabella C and Aanya S read from the Old Testament – Genesis 1:31, 2:1-3. The Chaplain explained that in the original language of the Old Testament the word for rest is Shabbat which means both 'to stop' and 'to delight'. We sang the hymn 'You shall go out with joy'.

Eco Warriors Competition: Your Poster, Our Planet



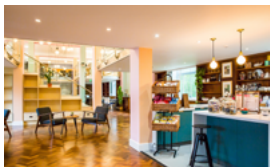
Sylvia L, Green Q Prefect, shares news of the Eco Warrior Club's latest initiative, to reduce food waste. Food waste accounts for roughly 25 million tonnes of CO2 a year, so making the most of leftovers is a responsibility we must all share. Students can take action this half-term by taking part in a poster competition encouraging the reduction of waste at home and at school.

The Woman in Black: Year 9 English Students Thrilled by a Macabre Classic



Year 9 students are currently studying the classic Gothic novel *The Woman in Black* in their Literature lessons. The English department took students to the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre to watch the production. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed seeing the story come to life on the stage.

Queenswood Parents' Association: Coffee and Chat



The QPA would like to invite parents to a Coffee and Chat afternoon on Tuesday 14 November from 2.30pm in Bellman Sixth Form Centre. It will be a great way for those new to the school, or those who may have missed out on meeting others over the last few years, to get to know the parents of Q girls across the school community.

Artist of the Month: Charlotte's Intricate Infant Collage



Charlotte P (Year 12) was named Artist of the Month for September 2023. Her striking collage, based on a photograph of herself as an infant, is one of several artworks currently on display in Mrs Cameron's office.

Year 7 and 8 Mini London Marathon



This week, pupils in Years 7 and 8 completed a 2.6 mile or 1 mile TCS Mini Marathon during their PE lessons. There were some impressive performances across the course, and it was great to see many students extending themselves beyond their set distance! Congratulations to everyone involved.

From the Archive: A BBC Radio 3 Documentary about Queenswood



In 2017, Samira Ahmed made a documentary entitled *John Ruskin's Eurythmic Girls* for BBC Radio 3. Much of the programme was recorded on site here at Queenswood, and features interviews with the then Head Girl's team and our former archivist, Dr Wendy Bird. It is a fine testament to the school's long history of girl-centred education.